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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FID meetings in 1958

The following meetings have been planned by the Bureau and Committee of Ways and Means at their meeting in The Hague on February 9 to 10, 1958:

September 1958 - The Hague - a meeting of the Bureau and the Study Committees (the final date depends on the IFLA meeting in order to avoid coincidence)

November 15, 1958 - Washington - a restricted meeting of the Council, that is representatives from National members of FID and of Specialist Group members elected to the Council.

November 16 to 21, 1958 - Washington - will be the International Conference on Scientific Information (ICSI), of which details are given regularly in these columns.

November 22, 1958 - Washington - an open meeting of FID, at which short lectures will be given on FID's programme and activities and the follow-up to be given by FID on the International Conference on Scientific Information.

November 24, 1958 - Washington - the final session of the Council of FID.

Congrès International de Cybernétique

Le 2e Congrès de l'Association Internationale de Cybernétique aura lieu à Namur, Belgique, du 3 au 10 septembre 1958. Les sujets suivants seront étudiés: l'information, l'automatisme (application de la cybernétique aux machines), l'automation (utilisation de l'automatisme dans l'organisation du travail), les effets économiques et sociaux de l'automation, la cybernétique et les sciences sociales, et la cybernétique et la biologie. (Secrétariat: 13 rue Basse Marcelle, Namur, Belgique)

International Conference on Scientific Information

A Memorandum for prospective conferees from Dr. Wallace W. Atwood on recent developments relating to the International Conference on Scientific Information which is to be held in Washington, D.C., November 16-21 of this year, at the Mayflower hotel, gives the following information:

After the unfortunate death last June of Dr. Alberto F. Thompson who had served from the beginning as Executive Secretary of the Conference, it was decided to handle the affairs of the Conference through a committee rather than to appoint a new Executive Secretary. Accordingly the Conference Committee was established, consisting of the representatives of the three sponsoring organizations (the Executive Committee) and the chairmen of the several supporting committees. The Conference Committee is a continuation of the previous planning committee and is composed of the following members:

Dr. Wallace W. Atwood, Jr., Director, Office of International Relations, National Academy of Sciences - National Research Council (Represents the Academy on the Executive and Conference Committees and serves as Chairman of the Conference Committee);

Dr. Burton W. Adkinson, Head, Office of Scientific Information. National Science Foundation (Represents the Foundation on the Executive and Conference Committees);

Dr. Milton O. Lee, Federation Secretary, Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (Represents the American Documentation Institute on the Executive and Conference Committees);

Mr. Charles I. Campbell, Associate for Information Services, Rockefeller Institute (Chairman of the Program Committee);

Mr. Henry J. Dubester, Chief, General Reference & Bibliography Division, Library of Congress (Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee);

Mr. John C. Green, Director, Office of Technical Services, Department of Commerce (Chairman of the Exhibits Committee).

Currently it is expected that there will be approximately 150 active participants in the Conference, either as authors of selected papers or as designated members of discussion panels. It is also expected that approximately 500 persons will attend the Conference as observers. Registered observers may attend all discussions although active participation in these sessions will be limited to members of the discussion panels and the authors of papers for the various areas. However, observers will have the privilege of submitting relevant questions and comments in writing to the discussion panels prior to the opening of the Conference.

Advance registration of observers will be necessary and will include payment of a fee of $ 10.00 per person. These funds will be used to defray a portion on the costs of providing preprints of the conference papers. Since it is desirable for observers to register well in advance of the Conference, detailed information and registration forms will be enclosed with the next general announcement.

Papers selected for inclusion on the program by the Program Committee in collaboration with the referees for each of the seven areas of the agenda will provide the nucleus for conference discussions. These papers will not be read at the Conference but will be mailed to participants and observers approximately two months prior to the conference date.

From the tentative and incomplete agenda it will be noted that there is no overlap insofar as the scheduling of the seven area discussion sessions is concerned. This schedule will permit everyone to attend the discussion sessions of all the areas if they so desire. Special panelists are being selected to lead the discussions in each of the areas. Participation will be open to selected discussants and authors of accepted papers, area by area.

No brief report on conference plans can properly acknowledge all the valuable contributions made by the many interested persons who have been associated with the organizing groups in one capacity or another in the progressive development of specific plans for a conference of the highest possible intellectual content. The insight, vision, and enthusiastic leadership of the late Dr. Thomson remain an inspiration to those who were privileged to be associated with him in the early stages of this endeavor. Among others who have substantive contributions in the preliminary planning of the program are: Mr. Scott Adams, Librarian, National Institutes of Health; Mr. Robert S. Bray, Chief, Division for the Blind, Library of Congress; Mr. Verner Clapp, President, Council on Library Resources, Inc.; Mr. William T.

Mason, Bureau of Ordnance, Department of the Navy; Mr. Eugene Power, President, University Microfilms,Inc.; and Dr. Mortimer Taube, President, Documentation Incorporated. On the international level, we would like to acknowledge the early contribution of Dr. Eric de Grolier, Chief Documentalist Professor,Institut National des Techniques de la Documentation, Paris, France, and the constant assistance and cooperation extended by Mr. F. Donker Duyvis, Secretary General of the International Federation for Documentation; Dr. J. E. Holmstrom of the Natural Sciences Department of Unesco; Dr. Alexander King, Deputy Director of the European Productivity Agency; and Dr. D. C. Martin, Assistant Secretary of The Royal Society. Members of the Conference Committee regret the resignation of Mr. J. E. Cummins from the Committee occasioned by his acceptance of an assignment in the newly established International Atomic Energy Agency. We congratulate him on his new post and acknowledge with deep appreciation his participation as a member of our Committee.

Interest in the Conference continues to grow. Approximately 6000 copies of the conference announcement have been distributed to individuals and organizations in 33 countries. The next general announcement will be mailed in March to all who have expressed an interest in the Conference. Conference papers should be ready for distribution in September.

Tentative Conference Program

Sunday, November 16,
8.00 p.m. Opening Session: Address by Sir Lindor Brown, Secretary for Biological Sciences, The Royal Society
9.30 p.m. Official reception

Monday, November 17, morning
Area 1 Requirements of scientists for scientific literature and reference services: knowledge now available and methods of ascertaining their requirements.
Discussion Panel Leader: Dr. Philip Morse, Professor of Physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

—, Afternoon
Area 2 The function and effectiveness of abstracting and indexing services for storage and retrieval of scientific information.
Discussion Panel Leader: Dr. Elmer Hutchisson, Director, American Institute of Physics

Tuesday, November 18, morning
Area 3 Effectiveness of scientific monographs, compendia, and specialized information centers in meeting the needs of scientists: present trends and new and proposed techniques and types of services.
Discussion Panel Leader will be announced later.

—, Afternoon
Area 4 Organization of information for storage and search: comparative characteristics of existing systems.
Discussion Panel Leader will be announced later.

—, Evening: Excursion

Wednesday, November 19, morning and afternoon
Area 5 Organization of knowledge for storage and retrospective search: intellectual problems and equipment considerations in the design of new systems.
Discussion Panel Leader will be announced later.

—, Evening: Banquet

Thursday, November 20, morning
Area 6 Organization of information for storage and retrospective search: possibility for a general theory of storage and search.
Discussion Panel Leader will be announced later.

—, Afternoon
Area 6 and Excursion

Friday, November 21, morning
Area 7 Responsibilities of governmental bodies, professional societies, universities, and research and industrial organizations to provide improved information services and to promote research in documentation.
Discussion Panel Leader: Mr. Verner Clapp, President, Council on Library Resources, Inc.

—, Afternoon: Closing Session

—, Evening: Reception for Conference Participants at the National Academy of Sciences.

MEETINGS HELD

Bureau and Committee of Ways and Means

The Officers of the Bureau of FID met in The Hague on February 9, 1958. A combined meeting of the Bureau and the Committee of Ways and Means was thereafter held on February 9 and 10 with Mr. Mikhailov and Mr. Kritikow as observers from the USSR National Committee of FID and Mr. Geveke, member of the Ad Hoc Committee. The final session of the Bureau was held in the late afternoon of February 10.

The discussions included the regional representation of Officers, the report from the Ad Hoc Committee on the financial development of FID, the meetings of FID in The Hague and Washington, the rules of procedure and the scope of each of our Study Committees and activities in new fields (such as translations of literature in less known languages), FID publications and legal status. The financial accounts for 1957 and the budget for 1958 were approved. The programme and subventions from Unesco were also discussed.

A summary report may upon approval appear in the next issue of the Informations FID.

Jornadas Mexicanas de Biblioteconomia

The Primeras Jordanas Mexicanas de Biblioteconomia, Bibliografia y Canje, organized by the Asociación Mexicana de Bibliotecarios and the Centro de Documentación Científica y Técnica de México, were held in Mexico City from December 2 to 7, 1956. The final report, XLV + 273 pages mimeographed, published in 1957 by the Centro de Documentación (Plaza de la Ciudadela 6, México 1, D.F.) gives the complete texts of all contributions and reports of the meetings.

Library Association of Australia

The Australian Library Journal of October 1957 (Vol. 6, no. 4) gives a report on the Ninth Annual Conference of the Library Association of Australia, which was held at the University of Adelaide from August 27 to 30, 1957.

The Special Libraries Section organized a symposium on classification. A paper prepared by Mr. D. C. Barnard on „Barnard's Medical Classification" was read at one of the meetings. The symposium was of value for the comparative study of various classification systems (a detailed report of the meeting is *not* given in the Australian Library Journal, but information may no doubt be obtained directly from the Association, c/o Public Library of N.S.W., Macquarie Street, Sydney).

In the evening of August 28, a demonstration was given on catalogue card reproduction by electrophotography.

The first meeting of the *Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services* was held in Canberra on April 30, 1956. The Council comprises representatives of the Commonwealth National Library, the State Libraries and Library Boards, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, the Universities and the Library Association of Australia. An Australian Bibliographic Centre was set up within the Commonwealth National Library to facilitate the carrying out of bibliographical projects, to act as a clearing house for information on bibliographical activity in Australia, and to provide a secretariat for the Council on Bibliographical Services.

The first meeting of the Council appointed a commit-

tee of three to make a survey of Australian bibliographical resources, activities and need. The committee held two meetings, the first on June 23, 1956, the second on July 15, 1957. The Council on Bibliographical Services adopted the following recommendations of the Committee: 1. that a new edition of the Draft summary of Australian bibliography and bibliographical services be published, 2. that the Commonwealth National Library be asked to extend the scope of Australian Public Affairs Information Service, a subject index to current literature, in relation to periodicals in the field of the humanities and social sciences, 3. that a monthly Australian Industrial and Technical Index to Periodicals be commenced, 4. that a union list of newspapers held in Australian libraries be commenced, 5. that the Commonwealth National Library be asked to provide subject entries for government publications, 6. an investigation of the practicability of compiling a national union catalogue of monographs, and 7. to investigate the possibility of preparing a new edition of the Directory of Special Libraries.

MEMBERSHIP

Rumania

The application for national membership by the Institutul de Documentare Tehnică, Str. Kuibişev 27-29, Budapest, has been approved by the Council. Rumania is now the 28th national member of our Federation.

Mexico

The Centro de Documentacion Cientifica y Técnica de México, Associate member of FID since 1955, has published a bi-annual report for the years 1955-1956. The Centre was organized by Unesco in 1950 and functions since 1954 as a regional centre for all Latin America (similar to the regional centres in Ankara, Belgrade, Cairo and New Delhi). The address is: Plaza de la Ciudadela 6, México 1, D.F.

VISITS RECEIVED

Mr. P. Poindron, Vice-President of FID, called on the General Secretariat on February 10, after the meeting of the Bureau of FID, to discuss various questions including the „Bibliographia" service of the Revue de la Documentation.

Mr. Z. Protić, Vice-President of FID, in the week after the Bureau meeting, discussed with the General Secretary organisational questions.

Mr. Dan Fink, Vice-President of FID, discussed with the General Secretary the revision of UDC and editions of the Abridged Building Classification.

Mr. A. J. Mikhailov and **Mr. J. A. Kritikow,** who attended the Bureau meeting as observers from the USSR national committee of FID, visited the Secretary General on February 13 for orientation on FID activities.

Mr. Z. Majewski, Director of the Central Institute for Scientifical and Technical Documentation in Warsaw visited the Secretary General on February 27 and presented the proofs of the 3rd abridged edition of the UDC in Poland. Discussions included bibliographic co-operation and translations.

Mr. H. J. van Oostveen, Commander of the Fire-Service of The Hague and Editor in Chief of the Netherlands periodical „De Brandweer", the journal of the Netherlands Association of Fire-Service Chiefs, and **Mr. Brom** visited the General Secretariat on February 28, 1958, to obtain information on the use of the UDC for literature and archives.

FID STUDY COMMITTEES

FID/C 65 „Scientific management"

Dr. O. Frank and Mr. G. Friedländer, members of the Editorial Group of FID/C 65 met in Frankfort from February 3 to 5, 1958, to discuss the comments received on PE 625, the proposal for revision of UDC 65. The result was that Dr. Frank gave a supplementary proposal to the General Secretariat; this has now been sent to the CCC and FID/C 65 members in Draft PE 1958: 4 of February 26, 1958 for comments up to March 26. Proposals referring to the total revision of 65 were submitted to the Rapporteur of FID/C 65 to be studied together with the French proposal for the future overall change of this section.

UNIVERSAL DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION

Proposals for extension of the UDC

PE 630 (6. 3. '58) Comments up to 6. 7. '58
Complementary proposals to PE 615, partly withdrawing PE 629, and together giving the total extensions for UDC 669, Metallurgy, and related fields.

PE 631 (6. 3. '58) Comments up to 6. 7. '58
FID/C 65 proposes a regrouping of Analytical Chemistry under UDC 543, freeing 544 and 545.

PE 632 (6. 3. '58) Comments up to 6. 7. '58
British proposal for modification and extension of UDC 621.039 Nuclear technology, including reactor engineering in general, isotope separation, nuclear fission and fusion reactors.

PE 633 (6. 3. '58) Comments up to 6. 7. '58
Mainly corrections to earlier PE Notes necessary with a view to their publication in the Extensions 3:3. Proposals include sections (53), .003.12, 622.697/.698 Pumps and pipelines, and 628.1 Water supply and related fields.

FID PUBLICATIONS

Manual on document reproduction and selection

All remaining French translations of „selection" chapters of the Manual distributed in March 1957 and a few revised introductory sheets as well as the index to chapter 7, will be sent to subcribers who already received all other parts of the Manual in binders A, B and C, in March or April 1958. The Manual will then be completed in its first stage.

New information has been supplied with the Supplements of 1954, 1955, 1956 and 1957. The 1958 Supplement should also contain the general bibliography on selection which is being prepared by Prof. Dr. E. Pietsch, Co-editor for the chapter Selection.

Trilingual abridged edition of UDC

The trilingual edition (FID publ. 277) appeared in February 1958 and is available from Beuth-Vertrieb, Uhlandstrasse 175, Berlin W. 15, Germany (DM 74,—) from the British Standards Institution, 2 Park Street, London W.1, United Kingdom (£ 6.6 s.) and from the General Secretariat of FID, Willem Witsenplein 6, The Hague, Netherlands (67,— Dutch guilders).

A review was published in the „Revue de la Documentation" Vol. 25, No. 1, February 1958, p. 21. The abridged edition gives the tables of the UDC in the three languages printed in three coluns, with separate alphabetical indexes for each language added. The edition should serve as a basic edition for future abridged editions in other languages, and may thus be considered as the standard abridged edition.

Extensions and Corrections to the UDC

Series 3 no. 3 of the Extensions gives on 67 pages the text of approved proposals of the period January 1956-June 1957. Some of the major extensions concern the geographical auxiliary numbers for Portugal (469) and its overseas territories, Cybernetics 007, World governments 341.1, modifications in class 53 Physics and 54 Chemistry, a revision of Glaciology under 551.32/.34 and

related fields including 624.139/.14 Frozen ground, snow and ice engineering, modifications in 591, extension of 621.395 Telephony by wire, the complete new texts of 621.791 Welding and allied techniques, and 632 Plant damage, injuries, diseases and pests, a new development of forest biology under 634.0.1/.9 (formerly 634.9), the complete new texts of 663.91 Cacao and chocolate industry and of 664.6/.7 Baking and cereal technology, modifications in 669 Metallurgy and related fields in 620.18 and 66.0, and modifications in class 69 Building. Subscription 1958 including no. 4 to appear in July, 25,— Dutch guilders.

The Extensions are published as a cumulative publication per series of three years. The final issue of the first series, covering the period August 1949-December 1952 (25,— Dutch guilders) is a continuation of the „Ergänzungen" to the complete edition in German, the final issue of the second series covers the period January 1953-December 1955 (25,— Dutch guilders). The Extensions are published in January and July by the General Secretariat of FID, 6 Willem Witsenplein, The Hague, Netherlands.

MISCELLANEOUS

ISO/TC 46 „Documentation"

In order to avoid duplication of work on subjects that have already been studied for some years, the Secretariat of ISO/TC 46 prepared a report of the work done since 1947.

This report as well as the annual report for the year 1957 are available from the Secretariat of ISO/TC 46, c/o NIDER, 6 Willem Witsenplein, The Hague, Netherlands.

International Documentation Centre

The Centre was founded in May 1957 (Postbox 405, Stockholm - Vällingby, Sweden) to promote international co-operation in the field of documentation by means of microreproduction, especially standard transparent microfiches of 9 × 12 cm. The Centre, which has at present a collection of some 30.000 microreproductions, has worked out a project for the international exchange of reproductions on microfiches; it collects and catalogues titles of all important publications on microfiches. (from: Unesco Bull. Libr. 12 (1958) 2-3, Febr.-March)

A monthly catalogue, „Micro-Library", of reproductions on microfiches is published by the Centre at $ 4,— a year.

Microkaart Stichting

A Foundation to promote the use of transparent microfiches 9 × 12 cm has been established in the Library of the Technological University in Delft, Netherlands (Doelenstraat 101). The Foundation also sponsors the sale of a portable reading machine „Dagmar" for microfiches or 35 mm roll film which costs 287,50 Dutch guilders, 45,— guilders extra for rollfilm-carrier (sold by Documentfoto en Microfilm J. H. Mullens N.V., Newtonstraat 413, The Hague, Netherlands).

Directory of Current Latin American Periodicals

The Directory, compiled by the Pan-American Union in collaboration with Latin American libraries, includes all learned periodicals. References are arranged under UDC headings; all items are numbered consecutively. Two indexes follow: a geographical index, with the countries in alphabetical order, and the numbers of the references mentioned under each country in classified order; and a subject index in English, French, Portugese and Spanish. The Directory includes tables of abbreviations used, tables of statistics and appendices listing OAS publications and Unesco periodicals published in Spanish. The Directory will be published by Unesco in June 1958, approx. 320 pages, $ 3,50; 17/6.

Index Translatonium

The ninth annual volume of Index Translatonium (new series) contains bibliographies of translations published in 1956. A total of 27.617 items are listed in the new volume, which represents 52 different countries. The translations are uniformly arranged according to the country in which they were published and are further subdivided, by subjects, under the ten categories of the Universal Decimal Classification. A general index of authors of the works catalogued completes the volume. Unesco's purpose in publishing Index Translatonium is to provide an annual listing of all translated books published throughout the world on any subject.

Elsevier's multilingual dictionaries

The six-language „Dictionary of television, radar and antennas" (Nov. 1956) by W. E. Clason was the first to appear in the series issued by Elsevier Publishing Company, Spuistraat 110, Amsterdam, Netherlands. The following have since been published or are in preparation to be ready at the stated date: Amplifiers, transmitters and receivers (1959) - W. E. Clason; Automobiles (1958) - G. Schuurmans Stekhoven; Banking (1959) - J. Ricci; Cinema, sound and music (Nov. 1956) - W. E. Clason; Criminal sciences (1959) - J. A. Adler; Electronics and wave guides (Oct. 1957) - W. E. Clason; Gas (1959) - A. Lihrmann; Industrial agriculture (1959) - H. Dupont; Medical (1960) - A. Sliosberg; Metrology and control (1960) - W. E. Clason; Nuclear science and technology (1958) - W. E. Clason; Pharmacy (1959) - J. H. Schuurmans Stekhoven; Rubber (1958) - Rubber Stichting, Delft; Telecommunication (1958) - A. Visser; Textiles (1958) - A. Nerepka; Wood (1959) - W. Boerhave Beckman. (from: Unesco Monthly Bull. Scient. Doc. and Term., 15 Oct. 1957)

Biohistorical Institute

Dr. F. Verdoorn, Managing Editor of the Chronica Botanica Co., Waltham, Mass. USA, and Secretary of the International Biohistorical Commission of the International Union of Biological Sciences has been appointed Director of the new Biohistorical Institute of the University of Utrecht, the Netherlands. This institute will concern itself with the cultural, historical, other humanistic and related aspects of the pure and applied life sciences, with some special reference to the plant sciences. It will be located in a building at 187 Nieuwe Gracht.

PERSONALIA

Mr. E. N. Petersen, formerly Acting Head of the Libraries Division of Unesco, was recently appointed Head of the Division. He has been a member of the Unesco Secretariate since October 1947, during most of which time he served as Head of the Public Library Development Section. (Unesco Bull. Libr. 12 (1958) 2-3, Febr.-March)

CIRCULAR LETTERS

*F58-16 (7.2.'58) Notes on the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on FID finances.
*F58-17 (7.2.'58) Continuation of membership of the Conseil International du Bâtiment.
*F58-18 (8.2.'58) On the legal status and statutes of FID.
*F58-19 (26.2.'58) Minutes of the meeting of the Bureau in The Hague on February 8-9, 1958.
*F58-20 (26.2.'58) Minutes of the joint meeting of the Bureau and the Committee of Ways and Means in The Hague on February 8-9, 1958.
*F58-21 (26.2.'58) Summary report of the meetings of the Bureau and the Committee of Ways and Means. The report should be sent to the Council on approval by the Bureau and the Committee of Ways and Means.
(F58-22 withdrawn)
F58-23 (26.2.'58) The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Dokumentation applies for associate membership.

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